GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7157
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MUGA SILK
Subba Shri Moni Kumar

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology has developed an effective low cost technique for indoor rearing of Assam's Muga silk;

(b) if so, whether this new method of indoor rearing of Muga silk has the potential of rearing Muga production by more than double compared to the traditional outdoor rearing;

(c) whether any project proposal for development and promotion of the new method for indoor Muga rearing has been submitted;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the Central aid sought for the said project?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES(SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) & (b) As per the information available the Institute for Advanced Study in Science and Technology has not developed an effective low cost technique for indoor rearing of Assam's muga silk. However, the research institutes of Central Silk Board located in Assam have made efforts to develop indoor rearing technology for muga worms. Till date none of these technologies developed were cost effective yielding less than 20% as compared to outdoor rearing.

(c) & (d) Central Silk Board has not received any proposal for the development and promotion of new method of indoor rearing.

(e)Does not arise.